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SUBJ: THAI MEDIA REACTION - U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

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COLUMNIST KWAI, WRITING MARCH 7 IN THE CONSERVATIVE CHAO THAI,
CHARGED THE U.S. WITH HAVING A TWO-FACED FOREIGN POLICY IN THAT
WASHINGTON PAYS LITTLE ATTENTION TO TRADITIONAL ALLIES LIKE THAILAND,
ISRAEL, SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN WHILE CULTIVATING LONG-TIME
ENEMIES SUCH AS PEKING AND HANOI.

DISCUSSING THAILAND, KWAI WARNED ABOUT "FOLLOWING IN AMERICA'S
FOOTSTEPS." EXCERPT FOLLOWS:

(BEGIN EXCERPT)

IT IS FELT THAT BLINDLY TIEING OURSELVES TO THE U.S. AS OUR
ONLY SOURCE OF WAR WEAPONS, WEAPONS GIVEN OR WITHHELD AT THE WHIM
OF THE U.S. AS WITH ISRAEL, IS SOMETHING DESERVING
CAREFUL THOUGHT.

WE SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWPOINTS UNDER
JIMMY CARTER SHOW SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT FROM THE PAST.

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WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT THAILAND IN THE EYES OF THE AMERICANS IS
NOT GREAT AND OF LESS VALUE THAN A NUCLEAR SUBMARINE.

THE U.S. IS RESORTING TO DIPLOMACY TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS, AND
IT WANTS TO HAVE NEW MARKETS WITHOUT POLITICAL AND NATIONAL
DISCRIMINATION.

THE AMERICANS DO NOT MIND WHETHER THOSE PEOPLE IN HANOI HAVE
WAGED WAR WITH THEM. THERE IS NO ENEMY, BUT ONLY PROFIT IN TRADING.

(END EXCERPT)

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